

## Vijay Merchant Trophy Sanil takes fifer, Karman slams ton; J&K gains

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SURAT: Sanil Singh delivered a spectacular bowling performance, claiming a five-wicket haul to restrict Arunachal Pradesh to a meagre 99 runs, while Karman Singh's splendid unbeaten century powered Jammu & Kashmir to a commanding total of 240 for 5, securing a significant first innings lead on the opening day of the U-16 Men's Vijay Merchant Trophy at CK Pithawala Ground, Surat.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, Arunachal Pradesh openers began cautiously and scored 23 runs before the disaster took place as Sanil Singh and Jaskaran Singh wreaked havoc and plotted collapse of the opposition for a meagre total of 99 runs in 36 overs.

Dedu top scored with 33 runs off 50 balls studded with



6 boundaries, while skipper Amos contributed 15 runs to the total.

For J&K, Sanil Singh captured 5 wickets by conceding 21 runs in 9 overs, while Jaskaran Singh took 3 wickets by giving away 13 runs in his 7 overs. Tariq Nabi and Rigav Anand claimed one wicket each. In reply, J&K were comfortably placed at 240/5 at stumps on day-1 today. Karman Singh showed stellar grit and tenacity and

was unbeaten on 104 runs off 167 balls studded with 18 fours, while Aksh Sharma was at the crease on 38 runs off 54 balls with 8 boundaries. Haadi Anin contributed 39 runs off 50 balls with 8 boundaries. Skipper Smagey Khajuria and Jaskaran Singh chipped in with 17 runs each.

Haniya and Naman took 2 wickets each for Arunachal Pradesh, while Zingbo Magung Kino claimed one wicket.

SCOREBOARD		
<b>Arunachal Pradesh 1st Inns</b>		
Aryavir Singh Panwar b Tariq Nabi		12
Dedu lbw Sanil Singh		33
Amos (C) lbw Jaskaran Singh		15
Daksh (Wk) c Arsalan Nayak b Jaskaran Singh		1
Maj c Aksh Sharma b Sanil Singh		0
Vansh Kumar b Sanil Singh		10
Naman b Sanil Singh		11
Zingbo Magung Kino b Jaskaran Singh		0
Rohit Kumar b Sanil Singh		11
T Rebia c Jaskaran Singh b Rigav Anand		0
Hania not out		0
<b>Extras :</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>99/10</b>	
<b>J&amp;K 1st Inns</b>		
Karman Singh not out		104
Arsalan Nayak c Daksh b Zingbo Magung Kino		13
Hadi Amin b Hania		39
Smagey Khajuria (C) c Hania B Naman		17
Adnan Manzoor (Wk) c Amos b Hania		0
Jaskaran Singh c Amos b Naman		17
Aksh Sharma not out		38
<b>Extras :</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>240/5</b>	

## Danyal and Tahir Club, FCC Bajabain win in BUPL 2025-26



FCC Bajabain team posing for a photograph.

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NOWSHERA: Danyal and Tahir Cricket Club and FCC Bajabain registered win in the ongoing Brig Usman Premier League (BUPL) 2025-26, organized by Lam Battalion under the aegis of Nowshera Brigade under the banner of Operation Sadbhavna.

In the first match played of Day 5, Danyal and Tahir Cricket Club won the toss and opted to bat. The team posted a competitive total of 138/7 in 15 overs, with strong contributions throughout the innings. In response, Sunder Bani Hurricanes struggled to keep up with the required run rate and managed 92/9 in 15 overs.

Danyal and Tahir Cricket Club clinched victory by 46 runs. Asam Malik was declared Man of the Match for his impressive all-round performance.

The second clash of the day featured FCC Bajabain against Rajput Cricket Club. Rajput Cricket Club batted first after winning the toss and put up 90/9 in 15 overs. FCC Bajabain chased down the target confidently, scoring 94/2 in just 6.5 overs, securing a dominant 8-wicket win. Vishal Raina earned the Man of the Match title for his outstanding all-round display.

The tournament continues to draw enthusiastic participation, strengthening sportsmanship and community ties in the region.

## Border Lions Club Pullanwala, Pandit Volleyball Club clinch titles of 37th District Volleyball Championship



Winner teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The 37th Jammu District Volleyball Championship concluded in an electrifying atmosphere at MA Stadium Jammu, where volleyball enthusiasts witnessed gripping finals in both men's and women's categories. Organized by the Jammu District Volleyball Association, the event showcased exceptional sportsmanship, competitive spirit, and remarkable performances from the participating teams.

The closing ceremony was honoured by the presence of Rajeev Sharma, Member J&K Sports Council, as the Chief Guest. Udhayvir Singh Chib, AC, CRPF, and Shakti Sharma, SHO Jammu City, attended as Guests of Honour. Eminent sports officials includ-

ing Kuldeep Magotra (CEO, Volleyball Association of J&K), Vijay Magotra (Secretary General), Ramesh Sharma (Treasurer), and executive members Manpreet Kaur and Seema Kumari graced the ceremony. Senior dignitaries such as Col Gurbaksh Singh Gill (Retd.), H.S. Gill, Rajeev Dogra, Raman Gupta, and Subash Shastri were also present. VFL-qualified referees Mulkhraj Khajuria, Amit Sharma, and Naresh Kumar officiated the final matches.

A breathtaking contest unfolded between Border Lions Club Pullanwala and SAI STC Jammu, with both teams displaying extraordinary grit and skill. In a match filled with dramatic turnarounds, Border Lions Club Pullanwala

emerged victorious with a 3-2 (26-24, 25-22, 15-25, 23-25, 15-12) win. The women's final saw Pandit Volleyball Club overcoming Trikuta Club in an intensely fought match. With strong teamwork and consistency, Pandit Volleyball Club sealed a 3-1 (17-25, 25-20, 25-18, 26-24) victory. A formal vote of thanks was delivered by Amarjeet Singh, Secretary, Jammu District Volleyball Association, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, technical officials, and participants.

Special appreciation was extended to SAI STC Jammu and the J&K Sports Council for their continuous support in promoting volleyball and contributing to the championship's grand success.

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KATRA: The 2nd Federation Cup Lacrosse Championship 2025 concluded at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports Complex, Katra, after three days of energetic competition and exemplary sportsmanship.

The event witnessed outstanding performances from teams across the country, marking yet another milestone in the growing popularity of lacrosse in India.

In the Men's Section, Rajasthan claimed the Championship title with an impressive display of skill and coordination, while Gujarat secured the Runners-up position. Haryana and Andhra Pradesh finished jointly in third place. The Women's Section also saw Rajasthan dominate the field, lifting the Championship trophy. Haryana secured the second position, whereas Assam and Chhattisgarh shared the joint third place.

The Final Award Ceremony was presided over by MLA Katra, Baldev Raj Sharma, who attended as the Chief Guest. He congratulated the winners and applauded the participants for their



Winner team after receiving trophy from the chief guest.

dedication, saying that the championship showcased "the true spirit of youth and sportsmanship."

He, along with senior officials and office bearers of Lacrosse India, felicitated the winners with trophies and medals. The ceremony was smoothly conducted by sports analyst Dr. Riyaz Veeri, who ensured the proceedings maintained their professional decorum.

Organised by the J&K Lacrosse Association under

the aegis of the Lacrosse Association of India, the championship ran from 5th to 7th December 2025.

A total of 15 states participated, including Gujarat, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Telangana, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Delhi, and Jammu & Kashmir. Nearly 280 male and female players took part, displaying

remarkable discipline, enthusiasm, and passion throughout the event. During the concluding ceremony, several dignitaries from the Lacrosse Association of India and J&K Lacrosse Association were present to recognize and encourage the participants.

These included CEO of Lacrosse Association of India Tawseef Ahmad Lari, Joint Secretaries Athar

## Ananya wins bronze for J&K at KIUG

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JAMMU: Ananya Choudhary has brought pride to Jammu by winning a bronze medal in boxing at the Khelo India University Games held in Rajasthan from December 1 to 5, 2025.

Representing the University of Jammu, she delivered an impressive performance under the guidance of her coach, Harinderpal Singh.

This achievement marks Jammu & Kashmir's first-ever Khelo India medal in



boxing, making it a historic moment for the region.

## Weekly Sanskrit Pathshala at Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir promotes Sanatan Dharma among youth

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JAMMU: The Weekly Sanskrit Pathshala (Gyan-Yagya Pathshala) at Shree Panch Mukhi Hanuman Mandir, B.C. Road Jammu, was conducted under the guidance of Pawan Kumar Shastri, President, Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust.

The session was graced by Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Ex-Principal M.A.M. College, Chanchla Devi, Retd. Principal, and Rajinder Kumar Khajuria, Retd. R&B Section Officer, as Principal Guests.

In a significant cultural initiative aimed at reviving and strengthening the heritage of Sanatan Dharma among younger learners, the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust has established a Vedic Pathshala at the Sankat Mochan Panchmukhi Shree Hanuman Mandir Bhawan, B.C. Road.

The 33rd session witnessed enthusiastic participation from 60 students, mostly below 15 years of age. Students received insightful teachings on reciting Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Shree Hanuman Chalisa, Sunderkand Path, along with lessons on Dharma-Karma



Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Ex-Principal M.A.M. College, Chanchla Devi, Retd. Principal, and Rajinder Kumar Khajuria with participating students.

Gyan. Remarkably, the young participants not only memorized the verses but also recited them with devotion and clarity.

During the interactive session, they translated Sanskrit verses into English and Hindi, earning admiration from all present.

Highlighting the importance of cultural education, Pawan Kumar Shastri emphasized that introducing children to the values of Sanatan Dharma helps preserve India's rich spiritual heritage while nurturing identity, community spirit, and moral grounding among the youth. He noted

that such initiatives ensure cultural continuity and spiritual growth in future generations.

Pawan Kumar Shastri, widely known for his philanthropy and spiritual leadership, has been instrumental in expanding the reach of the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust.

Under his stewardship, the Trust's Yatri Bhawan in Haridwar offers modern accommodation with 150 A.C. rooms and runs a continuous free langer seva that feeds 600-700 devotees daily since 1995. The temple complex attracts pilgrims seeking blessings of Lord Shiva and

Ganga Maiya. In Jammu, the Panchmukhi

Sankat Mochan Hanuman Mandir also serves as a spiritual hub, offering daily free langer to 500-600 pilgrims and conducting regular Pujarchana ceremonies.

Sanskrit scholars Arun Shastri and Dr. Ajay Shastri highlighted that the Trust aims to continue Vedic classes to connect youth with scriptures like the Gita, Ramayana, Vedas, and Upanishads.

The event concluded with gratitude expressed to all devotees and Trust members, including Sukhdev Sharma (W.C.M.), for their support in making the programme a success.

## JNV Budgam hosts Grand 'Alumni Meet 2025'

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BUDGAM: Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Budgam on Sunday hosted a grand Alumni Meet 2025, bringing together former students from various batches for a day of celebration, reflection, and renewed connection with their alma mater.

Principal JNV Budgam, Devender Kumar Singh, in his keynote address, extended a warm and gracious welcome to all the alumni, acknowledging their journey from the school's corridors to achieving remarkable heights in various professional fields across the nation. He emphasized the invaluable role of the alumni community as pillars of the institution. "Our alumni are the living testament to the values and education imparted at Navodaya Vidyalayas," he stated.

The Principal urged the former students to actively engage with the current



JNV alumni with faculty posing for a photograph.

pupil by sharing their thoughts, life experiences, and, most importantly, their success stories. He stressed that these real-life narratives serve as the most powerful source of motivation and encouragement for students, providing them with tangible role models and a clear vision for their future endeavours.

While sharing 'Success Stories', Alumni unanimously credited the disci-

plined environment, holistic education, leadership opportunities, and the nurturing mentorship at JNV Budgam as the foundational cornerstone in shaping their character, resilience, and successful careers.

The alumni expressed profound gratitude towards the school administration, particularly Principal and the dedicated staff, for organizing the meet. The administration

reaffirmed its commitment to making the Alumni Meet a regular and even more impactful fixture, with plans to establish a structured alumni association for sustained mentorship and support.

The Alumni Meet concluded on a note of continued partnership, with alumni pledging their ongoing support to contribute to the holistic development of the institution and its students.

Lari, Rajesh Turan, Aslam Warsi, Executive Member Devator Choudhary, CEO Rajasthan Shahzad Khan, Organising Secretary and CEO J&K Lacrosse Association Farooq Salroo, General Secretary Fayaz Wani, Joint Secretary G.N. Panoo, Katra Lacrosse Association member Sheikh Anayatullah, Aftab, Jammu Lacrosse Secretary Gulshan Ratan, and volunteers Faizan, Sunaina, and Ishrat.

Extending his gratitude, CEO J&K Lacrosse Association Farooq Salroo thanked media houses, supporters, and all agencies whose direct and indirect efforts contributed to making the championship a grand success.

## Taekwondo senior selection trials on Dec 9

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JAMMU: The J&K Taekwondo Association (JKTA) shall hold selection trials to pick up probable for the senior team taking part in the 41st National Senior Kyorugi and 14th National Senior Poomsae Championships.

Both these event shall take place at GMC Balayogi Indoor Stadium, Hyderabad in Telangana from December 12 to 14, a handout issued by the JKTA here today informed.

The trials for raising the J&K UT teams shall be held at Taekwondo Training Centre, MA Stadium, here on December nine, the handout added.

The selection committee comprised Amit Kumar (convenor), Anju Sharma (organising secretary), Chandeeep Singh and Dushyant Kapta (members).

Those eligible interested participants are advised to bring along with the necessary supporting documents at the time of trials, including

Black Belt certificate, Medical Fitness certificate, Domicile certificate and passport size photographs. For further details, players can contact the Association (+91 6605967575).

## Budgam Kho-Kho C'ship from Dec 9

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JAMMU: District Budgam Kho-Kho Association, under the aegis of J&K Kho-Kho Association shall hold two-day district championship from December 9.

The event shall take place at Spring Buds Educational Institute Ompora in collaboration with J&K Sports Council, reports reaching here informed.

As such, those interested teams have been advised to confirm their entries with the organising committee on or before December eight.

Such teams, interested in taking part in this event, may feel free to speak to the organising team via contact numbers (8899508437, 7 8 8 9 6 8 7 3 9 7, 9469074488).